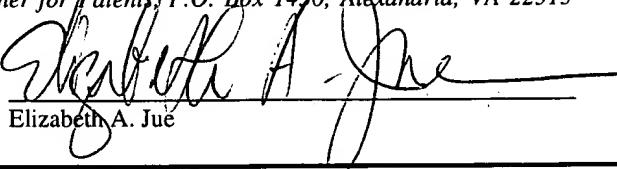


REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

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Elizabeth A. Jue

Application Number : 09/909,353
Filing Date : July 18, 2001
Inventor(s) : Martin R. Carbone
Title : KNIFE SHARPENING SYSTEM

Group Art Unit : 3723
Examiner Name : Maurina T. Rachuba
Docket No. : 45243/DRK/M704

Date: March 26, 2004

MAIL TO: Mail Stop RCE

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

This application is **not** an application of the kind specified in 37 CFR § 1.114(e).

1. THE STATUS OF THE APPLICATION IS AS FOLLOWS:

a. Pending (no review proceedings active)

(1) An Action was mailed by the Office on September 26, 2003, as to which no appeal under 37 CFR § 1.191 has been filed and

a response under 37 CFR § 1.116 was faxed on December 5, 2003
via Express Mail

with certificate of faxing under 37 CFR § 1.8
 that Action was a Final Rejection, the finality of which is to be withdrawn by this Request

an appeal or civil action under 35 U.S.C. 141,145 or 146 has been terminated

(2) Allowed: the Notice of Allowance was mailed by the Office on
the Issue Fee has not been paid

the Issue Fee has been paid **and** a petition under 37 CFR § 1.313 was granted on

b. Pending (with review proceeding active)

An appeal under 37 CFR § 1.191 has been filed. **Applicant(s) hereby withdraw that appeal and request reopening of the prosecution of the application.**

2. SUBMISSION(S) REQUIRED (check at least one)

a. Previously submitted

Consider the amendments/reply under 37 CFR § 1.116 previously filed on December 5, 2003

Consider the arguments in the Appeal or Reply Brief previously filed on

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b. Enclosed

Other: _____

Amendment/Reply

Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

Information Disclosure Statement

Documents under 37 CFR § 1.48

Petition for Extension of Time

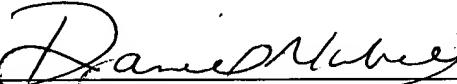
Other: _____

The Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned promptly following receipt and initial review of the application in light of the Submission(s) for the conduct of, or the scheduling of, a telephone interview in the application.

Please address all correspondence to **CHRISTIE, PARKER & HALE, LLP, P.O. Box 7068, Pasadena, CA 91109-7068**.

Respectfully submitted,

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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
FEE CALCULATION SHEET**

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PART I—BASIC FEE

BASIC FEE	Small Entity \$385.00	Large Entity \$770.00	\$385
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PART II—ADDITIONAL CLAIMS (compared to application before RCE)

	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Number Extra Claims	Small Entity Rate	Large Entity Rate	FEE
Total Claims	13	*20	0	0 x \$9.00	0 x \$18.00	
Independent Claims	4	**4	0	0 x \$43.00	0 x \$86.00	0
First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim				\$145.00	\$290.00	0
TOTAL CLAIMS FEE						\$385

List Independent Claims: 1, 6, 7, 10

* IF THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF TOTAL CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR IS LESS THAN 20, WRITE "20" IN THIS SPACE.
** IF THE HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID OR IS 3 OR LESS, WRITE "3" IN THIS SPACE.

1. FEES (The RCE fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.)

a. Amount (total from Fee Calculation Sheet)

A check for \$385 is enclosed.

b. X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required for this transaction to Deposit Account No. 03-1728. Please show our docket number with any charge or credit to our Deposit Account. A duplicate copy hereof is enclosed.

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